

ABSTRACT

Without a user's complicated operation, a communication mode is set up automatically in correspondence to the kind of an external apparatus to be connected.

A digital camera 110 capable of communicating with an external device 300 through a predetermined communication bus and having a plurality of communication modes of diverse kinds comprises a system control section 115 and a USB control section 118 which serve respectively as: judging means of transmitting a notification code of notifying a presently set-up own communication mode, and then judging whether a command in response to said notification code is received from said master device within a predetermined time or not; and communication controlling means of performing control on the basis of a judgment result of the judging means in such a manner that when a command in response to said notification code is received from said master device within the predetermined time, a state permitting communication with said master device is established in correspondence to the command, and that when said command is not received within said predetermined time, connection to said master device is electrically released temporarily and then said connection is restored.